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TO: Members of the MAG Building Codes Committee

FROM: Leon Manuel, City of El Mirage, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, February 20, 2002 - 2:00 p.m.  
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG Building Codes Committee has been scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the MAG Building Codes Committee may attend **either in person or by videoconference or telephone conference call**. Those attending by videoconference must notify the MAG site five business days prior to the meeting. Those attending by telephone conference call are requested to call 602-261-7510 between 1:55 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. After prompting, please enter the meeting ID number 28453 (build) on your telephone key pad followed by the pound key. If you have a problem or require assistance, dial 0 after calling the number above.

Please park in the garage under the Compass Bank Building. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

Please be advised that under procedures approved by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership, or 13 people for the MAG Building Codes Committee. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction to represent you.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (602) 438-2200 or Harry Wolfe at (602) 254-6300.

#### TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of December 19, 2001 Meeting

#### COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

## Minutes

### 3. Call to the Public

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public and Committee to address the Building Codes Committee for non-agenda items.

### 4. Approval of Consent Agenda

Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.

### 5. Request by Southwest Gas Corporation

At the December 19, 2001 meeting of the MAG Building Codes Committee, Southwest Gas made a presentation regarding permitting and clearance rules that municipalities require Southwest Gas to follow when extending exterior, above ground house lines. The company indicated that it sometimes finds it necessary to extend house lines when conditions require the service be moved due to safety concerns; and that eliminating the permit and clearance requirements on specific amounts of footage would provide for the quick restoration of service to the customer. A draft standard agreement for local governments to authorize Southwest Gas to relocate a gas line without permit and clearance requirements was discussed. The MAG Building Codes Committee requested that Southwest Gas Representatives revise the standard agreement form and bring it back to the Committee. Please see Attachment One.

### \*6 Review of MAG Building Codes Committee Mission Statement and Objectives

At the January meeting of the MAG Building Codes Committee the reevaluation of the Committee's mission statement and objectives was discussed. Staff requested that recommendations be forwarded to MAG by January 31, 2002. A draft work element

2. Review and approve meeting minutes of December 19, 2001.

3. For information and discussion.

4. Recommend approval of consent agenda.

5. For information, discussion and possible recommendation.

6. For information..

has been prepared incorporating the recommendations received. Any input on the work element should be forwarded to Harry Wolfe at [hwolfe@mag.maricopa.gov](mailto:hwolfe@mag.maricopa.gov). Members of the MAG Building Codes Committee have been invited to attend one of three meetings to discuss the work program.. Please see Attachment Two

7. Introduction of New Officers for the Building Inspectors and Plans Examiner Forum and the Permit Technicians Forum

Officers for Building Inspectors and Plans Examiners Forum and the Permit Technicians Forum have recently been elected, will be introduced and will provide an overview of their objectives for the coming year.

\*8. Green Building

On April 12-13, 2002 a Green Building Expo will be held at the City of Phoenix. A report will be provided on the topics to be covered at the Expo. Please see Attachment Three.

9. Review of Possible Enforcement Policies for the IRC Energy Chapter

The MAG Building Codes Committee will discuss uniform enforcement policies of the IRC energy provisions while code changes that address the climatic conditions of the valley are brought through the process.

10. Request of AZBO to Start Review of the 2002 NEC

The MAG Building Codes Committee will discuss requesting that AZBO begin its review of the 2002 National Electrical Code.

11. Status Report on Initiatives on Establishing a Common Permitting Process

The City of Phoenix, through its Smart Permitting Forum, is facilitating efforts to establish a common permitting process. In addition, efforts are being undertaken by other member agencies to develop more uniformity in the permitting process. A status report will be provided.

7. For information, discussion and possible action.

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12 The Use of NetClerk to Facilitate Permitting

There have recently been demonstrations by NetClerk an Internet service company that uses technology applications to streamline the permit submission and delivery process between contractors and local governments. It has been requested that members of the MAG Building Codes Committee be polled on the use of this technology.

\*13. Status of the Regional Plan Review Program

At the January Building Codes Committee meeting it was noted that an Intergovernmental Agreement among eight MAG local governments was being refined and it was anticipated that it would be signed in March. A press release from Goodyear on the program is attached. Please see Attachment Four.

14. Legislative Issues

A review of state legislative issues raised will be undertaken including HB 2628 which provides for the establishment of a Codes commission and requires local jurisdictions to use the Codes they adopt and SB 1327 to create a state certifying board for electrical workers.odes that they adopt. Please see Attachment Five.

\*15. Proposed Legislation Amending Sound Attenuation Standards for Areas in the Vicinity of Luke Air Force Base

At the January 20, 2002 meeting of the MAG Building Codes Committee changes to State legislation dealing with sound attenuation standards in the vicinity of military airports was recommended. Subsequently, proposed state legislation was drafted incorporating those changes along with some refinements in language. A copy of the language in the draft bill is included in Attachment Six.

\*16. Plumbing Code Commission

A status report on the MAG Plumbing Code Commission will be provided. Please see Attachment Seven.

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\*17. Updated MAG Building Codes Committee Membership

An updated MAG Building Codes Committee membership roster is transmitted. If there are any changes, please notify Harry Wolfe at (602) 254-6300 or e-mail him at [hwolfe@mag.maricopa.gov](mailto:hwolfe@mag.maricopa.gov). Please see Attachment Eight.

18. Topics for Future Agendas

Potential topics for the next meeting will be discussed. The next meeting of the MAG Building Codes Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. at the MAG Office in the Saguaro Room.

19. Adjournment

17. For information.

18. For information and discussion.